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SUBJECT: NEW SENATORS VALIDATED IN OCTOBER 9 PLENARY SESSION

1. THE UPPER HOUSE MET IN PLENARY SESSION OCTOBER 9 AND VALIDATED ALL 31 NEWLY-ELECTED SENATORY BY AN OVERWHELMING VOTE. THERE WERE NO CHALLENGES TO INDIVIDUAL SENATORS.

2. HOWEVER, THE SESSION WITNESSED SOME SHARP DEBATING AS MAVERICK SENATOR TRUONG TIEN DAT AND OPPOSITION LEADER VU VAN MAU CHALLENGED THE VALIDITY OF THE AUGUST 26 ELECTION. DAT ACCUSED THE ELECTION AUTHORITIES OF HAVING USED STUFFED BALLOT BOXES. MAU BASED HIS MORE GENERAL CRITICISMS ON THE TURNOUT STATISTICS AND THE RETURNS, STATING IRONICALLY THAT OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, SHOULD COME TO SOUTH VIETNAM FOR TRAINING IN "HOW TO PERFORM AN EXCELLENT ELECTION." MANY PRO-ADMINISTRATION SENATORS, AMONG THEM SEVERAL NEW ONES, INCLUDING FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER LAM, MET THESE ATTACKS WITH STRONG COUNTER-ARGUMENTS.

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3. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM THESE SHARP EXCHANGES, THE
OPPOSITION IN THE UPPER HOUSE, EVEN THOUGH NOW HEAVILY OUT-
NUMBERED, WILL CONTINUE AS IN THE PAST TO RAISE ITS VOICE IN
CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT.
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